(c) 90% grant is given to the Voluntary Organisations, etc. under all the schemes at S. No. 2, 6 and 14 above for which 100% grant is given.

(d) All the above schemes have been approved and are applicable to all States/UTs. However, no State-wise Scheme has been made.

Grants to voluntary Organisations in Gujarat

63. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of voluntary organisations in Gujarat receiving grants from Government;

(b) the progress made by these voluntary organisations;

(c) the steps taken or being taken to encourage the NGOs in the State; and

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The number of voluntary organisations in Gujarat receiving grants and the amounts of grant sanctioned during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is indicated below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Scheme	No. of NGOs	Amount sactioned 1998-99	1999-2000 (till date)
1.	Scheme to Pomote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities	13	35.62	16.30
2.	Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids/Appliances	03	71.19	Nil
3.	Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse	07	44.46	40.91

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Scheme	No. of NGOs	Amount sactioned 1998-99	1999-2000 (till date)
4.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the welfare of Scheduled Castes	03	Nil	5.56
5.	Integrated Programme for Older Persons	02	2.84	Nil
6.	Scheme for Provision of Ambulances for the Animals in Distress	04	4.50	11.01
7.	Integrated Programme for Street Children	10	55.73	33.72

(b) to (d) The assistance for the financial year is released in two instalments and the second instalment is released on receipt of inspection reports and recommendation of appropriate authorities. The recommendations, while assessing the working of the organisations, also report on the utilisation of funds and the progress made. The Schemes of the Ministry are generally for the voluntary organisations of the entire country. These schemes are publicised periodically so that more number of NGOs all over the country can be covered under the various schemes of the Ministry.

Assistance for NGOs in North-Eastern Region

64. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided to the voluntary organisations and NGOs functioning in North-Eastern Region during the last three years and till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that some cases for releasing funds to NGOs in Assam are pending with Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?